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Friends,

What a wonderful and festive week we have had with the El Grito celebration on Monday, and then the kickoff of Latino Heritage Month Los Angeles on Tuesday, which includes a full month of activities that celebrates our rich and vibrant Latino Heritage. I was proud to host the El Grito celebration and also serve as honorary chair of the Latino Heritage LA Committee.

If you haven't already attended any of the events that have occurred this past week, the Department of Cultural Affairs has created a calendar & cultural guide that has many activities that are happening all over Los Angeles in celebration of Latino Heritage Month. You can pick up a hard copy at one of my offices, or [click here](#) for a PDF copy.

I would like to thank the Latino Heritage Month 2014 Committee and Department of Cultural Affairs and our partners for all of their hard work for producing such a memorable celebration.

UPDATE: I just got word that the Department of Homeland Security has given the approval for California to move forward on the driver license. I will send a statement on the issue shortly.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, First District

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Barbara Yaroslavsky Reappointment

This week the City Council reappointed Barbara Yaroslavsky to the Commission on Community and Family Services. Barbara Yaroslavsky has devoted her life to community and civic engagement, particularly in the areas of education, health care, and human service delivery to communities in need. For more than 25 years, she has been active at the Saban Free Clinic (formerly the Los Angeles free Clinic) based on her abiding belief that access to health care is a human right and not a privilege.

(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

Latino Heritage LA

On Tuesday we kicked off the official Latino Heritage Month celebration in Los Angeles with the release of the Department of Cultural Affairs calendar & guide. As mentioned earlier, this is an excellent resource for finding all type of different events throughout Los Angeles.

(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

Deaf Awareness Month

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We were honored to recognize Jimmy Valenzuela at City Council for all of his work he has done with the deaf community as we kicked off Deaf Awareness Month in our city. On Saturday, September 27, the City of Los Angeles will host the 16th Annual DEAFestival Los Angeles. Here is a link for more information: <http://deafestivalla.org/>

Video of #RaiseTheWageLA rally



(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

We are getting ready to introduce a motion to raise the minimum wage in City Council. Here is a video with my speech on the minimum wage. [Click here for YouTube.](#)

Statement on Nomination of Maria Echaveste as Ambassador to Mexcio

We released a statement on Thursday regarding nomination, you can read the full statement on my Facebook page by [clicking here.](#)

FIELD UPDATE

El Grito Celebration

(photo credit: Sergio Infanzon)

Our 2014 El Grito celebration was phenomenal, it was a grand celebration with thousands of

people in attendance to see the Consul General of Mexico re-enact the El Grito de Dolores in honor of Mexican Independence Day. As this years host of the celebration at city hall, we were honored to stand with the Mayor and my fellow Councilmember as we rung the bell as part of the ceremony.

Participants enjoyed live entertainment throughout the evening with Mariachi Divas, Sonora Santanera "Nueva Sangre", and Cristian Castro with Mariachi Reyes closing the evening festivities.

Latinos in Hollywood

(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

As part of Latino Heritage Month, we attended the unveiling of the Latinos in Hollywood photo exhibit in LAX American Airlines terminal 4. The exhibit is a celebration of the many contributions of Latinos to Hollywood. It will be displayed for the length of Latino Heritage Month where more than 91,000 travelers will view it on a daily basis.

We look forward to hosting the exhibit in the First District and share such wonderful iconic photos of Hollywood Latino celebrities.

United Latino Fund

(photo credit: Kris Ortega)

This week, we were able to attend the United Latino Fund's Community Grant Awards Reception, where they honored a long time friend, Priscilla Lizarrage, Senior Vice President, TELACU Industries with the Caridad Award. The United Latino Fund is a philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of Latinos through a concerted effort of voluntary giving. ULF gives grants to deserving grassroots nonprofit organizations that particularly have a focus on health & wellness, and education. For more information, visit their website: <http://www.unitedlatinofund.us/>

Pedestrian Safety

(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

Pedestrian safety is critical in the First District and we have been hard at work to identify problem areas as well as funding sources for projects. This week, Team Cedillo celebrated a project that was completed at 6th Street and Union Drive, where 618 pedestrian crossed the intersection every hour. It was a problematic intersection because it has an offset configuration.

With Highway Safety Improvement Program funding, the Department of Transportation installed exclusive signals that will provide clear right of way assignments to pedestrians. The intersection is a route to Esperanza Elementary, John Leichty Middle School,

and Early Para Los Ninos Early Education Centers.

From Lot to Spot Celebration

(photo credit: Jose Rodriguez)

On Saturday September 13, we celebrated the work of Viviana Franco, Executive Director of "From Lot to Spot". The evenings honorees were Mia Lehrer, Co-Founder of La Mas and Northgate Gonzalez Markets. From Lot to Spot converts vacant lots into green spaces such as parks, community gardens, walking trails, and playgrounds in LA County. They are acquiring a vacant lot in Cypress Park and looking at other beautification projects in area that Team Cedillo will work on together with the community.

Mt. Washington PTA Pancakes

(photo credit: Sylvia Robledo)

On Saturday, September 13, Team Cedillo sponsored the Mt. Washington Elementary School PTA's annual Pancake breakfast. This year was unique since it also included a marketplace of locally designed goods. Some of the items available were offered by Mt. Washington Pottery, Loren Stewart, Knotwork, Jesse Kamm, Liza Reyes, Timmy Ringsmuth, Sticky Acres, Monique Van Genderen, Palmer Ceramics, Mt. Washington Plein Air Group, Frankie Hulme, Yi-Hsiu Yeh as well as many others.

It's Football Season!

(photo credit: Kris Ortega)

As you may all know, I love football. Since my youth when I was a quarterback at Roosevelt, I believe sports is an excellent way to keep our youth focused on success.

Last Friday September 12th, we were proud to join Loyola High School on their first football game of the season. Alongside school President Reverend Gregory Goethals, members of the board, alumni associations and over 5,000 attendees the first home game in over 64 years was celebrated. The event was an enormous success that culminated in Loyola's win over St. Augustine. The finals score was 42-35. This game began a year of celebration for Loyola, which was founded in 1865 and has a long history in the First District. In 2015, Loyola HS will be celebrating their 150th anniversary.

Central American Parade

(photo credit: Kris Ortega)

The Confederacion Centroamerica , COFECA, celebrated the 31st anniversary of their annual Central American Parade. Team Cedillo, alongside other sponsors, was happy to support the event this year and to share this occasion with all seven countries. It was incredible to see the overwhelming turnout despite the heat and people's enthusiasm for the event which began on Vermont and Pico, and ended at MacArthur Park this year. Central Americans declared independence on September 15, 1821. This year, we emphasized to those present the

importance of not only remembering that historical brave act of declaring independence, but also to celebrate the brave act of those present who have left everything they know to immigrate to this country in order to provide a better life for their families.

13th Annual Return to Cathedral Gala

(photo credit: Kris Ortega)

Last Saturday, September 13th, we attended the Annual Cathedral Alumni Gala with the downtown backdrop at the top of Dodger Stadium provided for a memorial evening along with great food and music. The evening also commemorated the 30th anniversary of saving the school.

The Archdiocese had plans to sell the school. A group of alumni gathered together to fight against the sale and keep the school. Congratulations to another successful year! The school is an institution in the community that provides quality education to young men in Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to KCET Local Hero Kathy Gallegos

(photo credit: KCET)

We want to express our sincere congratulations to Kathy Gallegos, who is being honored by KCET as a Hispanic Heritage Month Local Hero. Thank you for all that you do for the community.

[KCET link here.](#)

Invitation to Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee Meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highland Park Independent Film Festival

Ambulante Film Festival

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